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Applicant: Steve LEWONTIN  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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August 26, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2004, the period for reply thereto being extended two months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire August 26, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.